

and co-founder: the Belva Brissett Advocacy Center.

In 1991, Ms. Brown was appointed by President George H.W. Bush to the National Cancer Advisory Board. As the first African American woman to serve in this post, she was able to direct vital funding toward inner-city cancer screenings and invite hundreds of leaders from the nation's black community to participate in education forums. She served on the President's Special Commission on Breast Cancer from 1992 to 1994, organizing the Cancer Awareness Program Services, CAPS. And in 1993, Ms. Brown proudly helped organize the Washington D.C.-based breast cancer survivor support group for African American women, "Rise, Sister Rise." Among countless local and national accolades, Ms. Brown also co-authored the 2003 book, "100 Questions and Answers About Breast Cancer."

Today, California's 13th Congressional District and the District of Columbia salute and honor an outstanding individual and a stalwart community leader, Ms. Elzora Mae Brown. Her invaluable service to our nation will be forever supported by the endless legacy of her work. We offer our sincerest condolences to her beloved family and to the many friends and associates whose lives she touched over the course of her incredible life. She will be deeply missed.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS

### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the One-hundredth Anniversary of the founding of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

On April 2, 1913, the people of Laurel Springs broke with Clementon Township to form their own community. In the past century, Laurel Springs has been a peaceful place to call home for many, and a relaxing destination for people from near and far. Its idyllic South Jersey location has been appreciated for centuries.

Poet Walt Whitman spent much of his time between 1876 and 1884 in a summer house in what later became the Borough of Laurel Springs. It was there that he wrote portions of his renowned collection *Leaves of Grass*. Of Laurel Lake, Whitman simply wrote that it was "the prettiest lake in either America or Europe." Whitman's praise revealed this well-kept secret to the world, attracting residents and visitors and helping the community grow and thrive.

Mr. Speaker, this beautiful community has served as a home to generations of New Jerseyans and a home away from home for tourists from around the world. On the centennial of the creation of the borough, the citizens, mayor, and council of Laurel Springs should be congratulated for reaching this milestone. I join all of South Jersey in wishing the people of Laurel Springs another hundred years of happiness and prosperity for their community.

MARYLAND'S LEGISLATURE'S SUPPORT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO OVERTURN THE SUPREME COURT CASE, CITIZENS UNITED V. FEC

### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

In January 2010, the Supreme Court issued a decision in *Citizens United v. FEC* that fundamentally overturned American campaign finance laws by treating corporations as "persons" under the First Amendment, thus enabling CEOs to make unlimited expenditures from corporate treasuries into political campaigns. An estimated \$1 billion of outside money, an unprecedented amount, was spent in the 2012 election. Of this amount, an estimated \$400 million was received from anonymous sources as it was channeled through entities that do not have to identify their donors. The impact of this secret special interest money will greatly diminish the integrity of our electoral process.

Many legislative solutions have been identified to correct this trend that damages our democracy. One alternative would reverse the decision of the Court through an amendment to the Constitution. Senator Jamie Raskin, from the State of Maryland, has made a significant contribution to the development of Federal legislation that would overturn the *Citizens United* case. Moreover, Senator Raskin has been a leader in the Maryland State Senate in amassing support from Maryland legislators to call upon the U.S. Congress to pass a Constitutional Amendment to correct this decision. I would like to commend Senator Raskin for his work to strengthen the integrity of our electoral process.

THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY,  
*Annapolis, MD, January, 2012.*

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS: We, the Undersigned Members of the Maryland General Assembly, call upon you to pass a constitutional amendment to reverse the United States Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* (2010), which declared that corporations enjoy the First Amendment political rights of the people and toppled dozens of state and federal laws and many decades of judicial precedent preventing corporations (and unions) from spending corporate (and union) treasury funds in political campaigns.

This radical departure from judicial precedent and democratic values has already brought a torrent of corporate money, much of it secret, into American politics, fundamentally distorting public elections and campaigns for public office. The decision poses a direct and dramatic threat to government "of the people, by the people and for the people."

By bringing corporations into the heart of the political process, *Citizens United* changes the character of democracy. For-profit corporations (except benefit corporations) are legally hound to pursue the maximization of profits and economic advantage in all of their endeavors. This is one reason why most United States Supreme Court Justices, from Chief Justice John Marshall to Chief Justice William Rehnquist, to Justice Byron White to the four dissenting justices in *Citizens United v. FEC*, have rejected the

claim that corporations have political rights.

Corporations enjoy special state-conferred economic and legal advantages not enjoyed by natural persons, including limited liability of the shareholders, perpetual life of the corporation itself, and favorable treatment of the accumulation and distribution of assets. These advantages permit corporations to amass vast sums of money that are spent properly for economic purposes but not for the purposes of intervening in democratic politics and entrenching corporate power.

Article V of the United States Constitution empowers the people, the states and the Congress to use the constitutional amending process to protect republican self-government.

This power has repeatedly been used by the people when the Supreme Court has undermined the progress or popular democracy.

As Members of the Maryland General Assembly, we sharply disagree with the majority decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and call upon the United States Congress to propose and send to the states for ratification as soon as is practicable a constitutional amendment to reverse this decision and restore fair elections and democratic sovereignty to the states and to the people.

Very truly yours,

Del. Aisha Braveboy; Del. Alfred Carr; Del. Ana Sol Gutierrez; Del. Anne Healey; Del. Anne Kaiser; Del. Ariana Kelly; Del. Aruna Miller; Del. Barbara Frush; Del. Benjamin Kramer; Del. Bonnie Cullison; Del. Brian Feldman; Del. Brian McHale; Del. C.T. Wilson; Del. Cheryl Glenn; Del. Craig Zucker; Del. Curt Anderson; Del. Dan Morhaim; Del. Dana Stein; Del. Doyle Niemann; Del. Elizabeth Bobo.

Del. Emmett Burns; Del. Eric Leudtke; Del. Frank Turner; Del. Galen Claggett; Del. Geraldine Valentino-Smith; Del. Guy Guzzone; Del. Hattie Harrison; Del. Heather Mizeur; Del. James Gilchrist; Del. James Hubbard; Del. James Malone; Del. James Proctor; Del. Jay Walker; Del. Jill Carter; Del. Jon Cardin; Del. John Olszewski; Del. John Wood; Del. Jolene Ivey; Del. Joseline Pena-Melnyk; Del. Joseph Minnick.

Del. Joseph Vallario; Del. Justin Ross; Del. Kathleen Dumais; Del. Keiffer Mitchell; Del. Keith Haynes; Del. Kirill Reznick; Del. Kris Valderama; Del. Kumar Barve; Del. Luke Clippinger; Del. Maggie McIntosh; Del. Marvin Holmes; Del. Mary Washington; Del. Melvin Stukes; Del. Michael Summers; Del. Michael Weir; Del. Norman Conway; Del. Pamela Beidle; Del. Peter Hammen; Del. Peter Murphy; Del. Rudolph Cane.

Del. Sam Arora; Del. Sandy Rosenberg; Del. Shane Pendergrass; Del. Shane Robinson; Del. Shaw Tarrant; Del. Sheila Hixson; Del. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam; Del. Stephen Lafferty; Del. Steven DeBoy; Del. Susan Lee; Del. Talmedge Branch; Del. Tawanna Gaines; Del. Theodore Sophocleus; Del. Tom Hucker; Del. Veronica Turner; Sen. Bill Ferguson; Sen. Brian Frosh; Sen. Catherine Pugh; Sen. Delores Kelley; Sen. Edward Kasemeyer.

Sen. James Brochin; Sen. James Robey; Sen. James Rosapepe; Sen. Jamie Raskin; Sen. Jennie Forehand; Sen. Joan Carter-Conway; Sen. Joanne Benson; Sen. John Astle; Sen. Karen Montgomery; Sen. Katherine Klausmeier; Sen. Lisa Gladden; Sen. Nancy King; Sen. Nathaniel McFadden; Sen. Norman Stone; Sen. Paul Pinsky; Sen. Richard Madaleno; Sen. Robert Garagiola; Sen. Robert Zirkin; Sen. Roger Manno; Sen. Ronald Young; Sen. Thomas Middleton; Sen. Ulysses Currie; Sen. Verna Jones Rodwell; Sen. Victor Ramirez.

RECOGNIZING DR. KUMAR  
MAHADEVAN

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent, Dr. Kumar Mahadevan, for his many contributions to marine science.

Dr. Mahadevan is retiring in May from his position as chief executive and president of Mote Marine Laboratory, which is a private research center and aquarium based in Sarasota, Florida.

Dr. Mahadevan joined Mote Marine in 1978 as a senior scientist and became chief executive and president in 1986.

Under his leadership, Mote has grown from a small research facility to an internationally recognized laboratory of marine science and a local treasure teaching children and adults about sea life and conservation.

During his tenure, Mote has added an aquarium that attracts more than 350,000 annually and expanded to include a 200-acre Aquaculture Park in eastern Sarasota County, research field stations on Pine Island in Charlotte Harbor and Summerland Key in the Florida Keys, satellite offices in Punta Gorda and Boca Grande and a second public outreach exhibit dedicated to coral reefs in the Eco-Recovery Center in Key West.

The nonprofit's annual operating budget has increased from approximately \$2 million in 1978 to more than \$17 million and its staff has grown from 52 members to 192 members, including 31 doctorate-level scientists who are leaders in their fields.

I was proud to serve on the board at Mote prior to my election to Congress. I have seen firsthand the positive impact that Dr. Mahadevan has had on public policy to revitalize and sustain marine resources through science based outreach and education.

Although he is stepping down from his current position, I am pleased that Dr. Mahadevan will stay on as president emeritus, which will allow him to continue to promote the lab's research and development.

In the meantime, I appreciate this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for his outstanding contributions to Mote Marine Laboratory and the field of marine science.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOPKINS  
GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE  
CHAMPIONS

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hopkins Girls Basketball Team.

On March 16, 2013 the Hopkins Girls Team won the Minnesota State High School Basketball tournament for the third consecutive year, making them the first Class 4A School to win three consecutive championships since the tournament expanded to four classes.

Head Coach Brian Cosgriff has undoubtedly accomplished something great with this program. During Cosgriff's era, Hopkins has had

only four seasons with seven or more losses. This year, Hopkins completed the season winning 28 games and losing just one.

The path to achieving greatness is never uncontested, as the girls found out. But despite the one loss, this team took the state tournament with more than a ten point win over each opponent they faced.

All of these student athletes, their parents and their coaches deserve praise for their dedication and determination.

It's an honor to be able to represent, and recognize, such all-star athletes. Congratulations!

CONGRATULATING HOPWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO  
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, just over 50 years ago, in the fall of 1962, the first school to offer secondary education in the Northern Mariana Islands was renamed Hopwood Junior Senior High School, in honor of Admiral Herbert Gladstone Hopwood, a Naval officer with 42 years of distinguished service to our country, including 3 years as Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet.

The school had been founded following the end of World War II, as our community turned from the harrowing years of desperate survival to the work of rebuilding our islands and improving the lives of those who lived there. The American administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands directed that uniform public education be implemented throughout Micronesia; and in September 1949 secondary education was introduced in the Northern Mariana Islands with the establishment of Saipan Intermediate School, offering classes for grades seven through nine.

At first, the small school shared a campus with Chalan Kanoa Elementary School, but Saipan Intermediate moved to its own campus in the village of Chalan Piao in 1952, where classes were held in reconconditioned wartime Quonset huts. The original curriculum included arithmetic, English, native languages, science, history, geography, domestic arts, crafts, vocational training, and music. Teacher training courses were also established.

During these early years in the reconstruction of the Northern Mariana Islands educational options beyond ninth grade were limited. There were few private high schools and, prior to 1962, no public high schools. But the desire for formal educational advancement had already established a foothold in our society.

In the late 1950's, Saipan Intermediate School was renamed Hopwood Intermediate School. And then in 1962, it was renamed Hopwood Junior Senior High School to recognize the enrollment of tenth grade students. This first class of public high school students in the Northern Mariana Islands then graduated from Hopwood in 1965.

But Hopwood's time as a senior high school was short. In 1969 a new and larger public high school opened on Saipan; and Hopwood assumed its current name of Hopwood Junior High School.

In the years since, the school has greatly expanded. The campus now includes vocational education buildings; an alternative school, Lina'la Malawasch Academy; and a performing arts building. Hopwood now has the second largest student body of any Saipan school, serving nearly 1,200 young scholars.

Along with improvements in the physical facility, so too have academic opportunities, student achievement and faculty development evolved. One significant milestone reflective of this ongoing advancement was reached in 1993, when the school was granted preliminary accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. It continues today as a fully accredited member of WASC.

Hopwood's motto is "We Make Everyday the Best." This upbeat attitude is reflected in the faces and in the actions of the school's students, teachers, and staff alike. This drive to be the best is also reflected in the wide range of co-curricular and sports activities in which students participate and represent their school so well. By way of example, in recent years Hopwood Junior High students have won awards in the National Junior Forensic League regional competition, regional spelling bees, Academic Challenge Bowls, regional thespian competitions, and local essay and logo contests. This diversity extend to the athletic fields, as well, where Hopwood students have won numerous track and field, cross country, soccer, volleyball, and basketball competitions.

From its humble beginnings in 1949 and to this day, Hopwood is recognized as an institution that has played a historic role in our community and that continues to serve a vital role in the lives of our students and our community. I have great confidence that the school will continue to distinguish itself in the years to come. And I offer my congratulations to all those who have been affiliated with Hopwood Junior High School over these many years—teachers, staff, students, alumni, and parents.

RECOGNITION OF RYAN DAHMER

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of my constituent, Ryan Dahmer, a young man from Franklin, West Virginia, who recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Ryan's accomplishment is the result of years of hard work and service, which has undoubtedly benefitted his neighbors and the community in which he lives.

Ryan Dahmer began serving his community as a young boy by joining the Cubs Scouts, eventually earning the Arrow of Light, the organization's honor society and Eagle Scout equivalent. Since becoming a Boy Scout, Ryan's community involvement has only increased. Last year, he participated in the 2012 Youth and Government Seminar and met State Senator Clark Barnes and Delegate Allen Evans, his local representatives in the state legislature.

In December 2012, Ryan completed the requirements to become an Eagle Scout and will be officially recognized during an Eagle Court of Honor on April 21, 2013. In order to become an Eagle Scout, Ryan completed a community service project focused on safety and